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**Statement by Governor Jan Brewer**  
*Deaths of Border Patrol Agents*

"The deaths of two Border Patrol agents in the line of duty Thursday morning is another reminder of the danger these brave men and women face in defense of our country.

"Agents Eduardo Rojas, Jr., 35, and Hector R. Clark, 39, were killed while assisting in the pursuit of suspected drug smugglers near Gila Bend, Arizona. While we await details of how this tragedy happened, I ask that Arizonans join me in offering a prayer for these two agents and their friends and family. Meanwhile, I have ordered state flags to be flown at half staff in tribute to Agents Rojas and Clark.

"As with members of our law enforcement and military, these two Border Patrol agents were doing the work necessary to secure our nation and protect our communities. They face real risks and offer real sacrifice. We owe them our gratitude."

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